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From: Mike Burke
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2008 9:13 AM
To: Joseph Moore
Cc: 'Vernon Crawford'
Subject: RE: Revised version - The tracked changes do not appear when cut & paste
Attachments: Capital .5 mill shift - 67 districts.pdf

Joe/Vern,

Please see attached analysis of the 0.50 capital millage shift to operating. I've estimated the equalization at approximately \$123 million based on the 2nd FEFP calculation data for 67 school districts. Next year's tax roll is expected to decline by 6%, so the actual price tag will grow.

Palm Beach currently transfers \$61 million for maintenance expenditures and property insurance. 0.50 mills currently generates \$79.9 million, so we would stand to gain about \$19 million in authority for operating expenditures. But given the capital budget demands, we may be hard pressed to utilize the additional authority unless the capital outlay levy returns to 2.000.

I share Joe's concern about the equalization funds. We already got killed on the equalization of the discretionary millage. Running the same \$123 million through the BSA would generate \$8 million for Palm Beach. You will see it is a better deal for Orange County; they stand to gain \$2.2 million through equalization.

I do not believe our school district should support this legislative proposal. It fosters the on-going trend to equalize funding across the state. I'm all in favor of flexibility (including the categoricals such as instructional materials), but it should not cost \$123 million to grant flexibility on existing funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
 Mike

From: Joseph Moore
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2008 3:52 PM
To: Mike Burke
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Any comments we haven't already discussed. I think this is OK if it remains flexible. I am worried about the equalization provision for use of capital and where that will come from. Let me know. Joe

From: Vernon Crawford [mailto:vacrawford@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, December 22, 2008 3:47 PM
To: Joseph Moore
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Would appreciate any comment before the district closes as I'm back in Tally before January 5th...

Thanks,

11/4/2009

VC

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From: Vernon Crawford**To:** Joe Moore**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008 11:48 PM**Subject:** Fw: Revised version - The tracked changes do not appear when cut & paste

Would you look this over? Scott is with Orange schools and has the ear of Rep. Dean Cannon, speaker-designate. I told him we'd work on the Senate once this draft gets refined....

VC

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From: Howat, Scott D.**To:** 'vacrawford@msn.com'**Sent:** Tuesday, December 16, 2008 8:08 PM**Subject:** Fw: Revised version - The tracked changes do not appear when cut & paste

From: Bridges, Jayne**To:** Howat, Scott D.**Sent:** Tue Dec 16 14:07:21 2008**Subject:** Revised version - The tracked changes do not appear when cut & paste

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public school funding; providing for school district flexibility in the 2009-2010 fiscal year to expend specific funds for operating expenses; requiring district school board adoption of a resolution and approval of an amendment to the school district's operating budget; requiring the district school board to report to the Department of Education the amount of transferred funds and the operating expense for which the funds were expended; requiring reporting to the Governor and Legislature; providing for school district flexibility in the 2009-2010 fiscal year to expend a portion of nonvoted capital improvement millage for operating expenses; requiring transfer of proceeds by budget amendment approved by the district school board; providing for equalization of funds; providing for repeal; requiring legislative review of the transfer of funds; providing that the transfer of funds may be reauthorized by the Legislature; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

11/4/2009

Section 1. School district flexibility.--

(1)(a) Each district school board is given flexibility to expend in its operating budget as nonrecurring funds the following funds allocated to the school district through specific appropriations in the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act.

1. Funds for safe schools.
2. Funds for supplemental academic instruction.
3. Funds for supplemental reading instruction.
4. Department of Juvenile Justice supplemental funds.
5. Funds for student transportation.
6. Funds for instructional materials.
7. Funds for the Teachers Lead Program.
8. Funds for class size reduction.
9. Funds for the Florida School Recognition Program.

(b) To expend funds for operating expenses under this subsection, a school board shall find and declare in a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the school board that the funds are urgently needed to maintain school board operating expenses and shall approve an amendment to the school district's 2009-2010 operating budget transferring the identified amount of funds to the appropriate account for expenditure.

(c) Each district school board shall report to the Department of Education the amount of funds it transferred under paragraph (a) and the specific operating expense for which these funds were expended. The department shall provide instructions to each district school board and specify the format to be used in submitting this required information. The department shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report showing the actions taken by each school board and a statewide summary of all actions taken by school districts.

(2)(a) Each district school board is given flexibility to expend in its operating budget as nonrecurring funds up to 0.5 mills of its nonvoted capital improvement millage levied pursuant to s. 1011.71(2), Florida Statutes, for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, which amount shall not exceed \$328 per full-time equivalent student. This authorized use of proceeds from this millage levy is in addition to the authorized

uses set forth in s. 1011.71, Florida Statutes, and is for the 2009-2010 fiscal year only. Any proceeds from this millage levy used for school district operating expenses shall be transferred by budget amendment approved by the school board at a regular meeting of the school board.

(b) If the proceeds from 0.5 mills produce less than \$328 per full-time equivalent student in any school district, the additional amount required to equal \$328 per full-time equivalent student shall be provided from state funds.

(c) If a district school board has not levied sufficient millage under s. 1011.71(2), Florida Statutes, for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to produce \$328 per full-time equivalent student and the school board has other similar funds available, the school board may use such funds in lieu of proceeds from millage.

(3) This section is repealed June 30, 2010.

Section 2. The transfer of funds authorized in section 1 of this act shall be reviewed by the Legislature and may be reauthorized for subsequent fiscal years.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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